



FEB

Black Federal Employees Council
Department of Housing & Urban Development
October 1, 2004
Catherine Cole, Host

Attendees:

Gayle McCray-Bennett NARA, (816) 268-8148	Tina Jones USMC, (816) 843-3641
Catherine Cole HUD, (913) 551-6934	Andri Jovan EPA, (913) 551-7397
Elizabeth Curtis DHHS, (816) 426-2924	Gloria McRae USDA, (816) 823-4380
Dede Davis VISN 15, (816) 701-3058	Francine Singleton FAA, (816) 329-3435
Dohn Farley DFAS, (816) 926-7793	Brenda Watkins NBC, (816) 485-4988
Carmen Hopkins MEPS, (816) 891-9490 ext 234	Marsha Young USDA, (816) 926-3419

The meeting was called to order by chairperson. The minutes were distributed and noted with corrections. Corrections were to add Dohn Farley and Gloria McRae to the list of attendees and to correct the last name of Carmen Hopkins on the committee minutes for the Entertainment sub-committee.

Work plan Reports

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration -Francine Singleton, Focal Point. The committee had a brief discussion about the MLK Jr. Day program. The sub-committee chairs will have until the COB October 8, 2004 to submit a letter of invite to Ms. Cole for the performers and speaker for the MLK Jr. celebration. Ms. Cole will review the letters and forward them to FEB for approval and distribution. The Planning Committee agreed on "Accepting and Embracing Our Differences" as the theme for the celebration. Committees are: speakers - Dede Davis (chair), Brenda Watkins (co-chair), Entertainment - Francine Singleton (chair), Carmen Hopkins(co-chair), Program & Planning - Catherine Cole (chair), Marsha Young (co - chair).

2. Unity Day - Tina Jones - Focal Point. Council members shared comments and ideas of the recent Unity Day Program. Overall the lunch & learn was a said to be very informational and well attended.

3. Job Vacancies/Networking - Francine Singleton - Focal Point. Ms. Singleton will continue to forwards job vacancies to members via email. Job can be found by accessing USAJOBS.Com. The website for KC Art N Soul newsletter, which list upcoming events for the African American community, is <http://www.kcsoul.com/>.
4. Training - Veronica-Randolph Focal Point. No new update.
5. By-Laws Committee -Beth Curtis -Dohn Farley - Carmen Hopkins - Brenda Watkins
The By-laws committee submitted their final draft of the amended By-Laws, which they went over with the committee. During the meeting the By -Laws Committee met in a breakout session to review the standing changes of the By-Laws they submitted to FEB. They have agreed to review and amend the changes. Once the changes are amended they will submit them to Ms. Cole for resubmission to FEB.
6. Legislative Committee - Gloria McRae - Focal Point. Ms. McRae encouraged the committee to get out and vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Next meeting location:

- November 4, 2004 - FEB SEPM Joint Quarterly Meeting - GSA
- November 5, 2004 - USMC
- December 3, 2004 - Luncheon?
- January 7, 2004 - DFAS
- February 4, 2004 - USDA
- March 4, 2004 - VISN 15 (Department of Veterans Affairs)
- April 1 or 8 2004?

New Business

During the meeting the committee agreed with the By-Laws which states that this council should include standing committees. They also agreed that there should be a break-out session during each meeting to discuss issues that may be time sensitive. The standing committees will be; Program Committee (Dee Wills, Tina Jones, Brenda Watkins, and Andri Jovan as chair), Enhancement/Development Committee (Gayle McCray Bennett, Cheryl Strickland, and Marsha Young as chair), By-Laws Committee (Gloria McRae, Dohn Farley, Carmen Hopkins, Brenda Watkins, Dee Wills and Elizabeth Curtis as chair). The Program Committee will be responsible for committee projects such as the December luncheon and the Christmas Project. Enhancement/Development Committee will be responsible for training/networking, scholarships and job placement. The By-Laws committee will be responsible for the committee By-Laws and legislative issues.

The Nursing Home Project was tabled until the next meeting.

The committee has agreed to host a free health screening during the MLK JR. celebration. Andri Jovan and Dede Davis will provide information once the idea is approved by FEB.

Mr. Jovan provided the committee with a few restaurants for the Christmas luncheon. The restaurants were the Peach Tree (18th & Vine), Gracie's Soul Food, Madry's, Pap Lewis, and the Red Vine. Mr. Jovan will check out the pricing of these restaurants and update the committee at the next meeting.

Ms. Watkins stated that she would like to address the FEB with a letter concerning the performance at the Unity Day Celebration.

Announcements:

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dentenyon Davis, Secretary

Tina M. Jones, Chair